

House Resolution No. 3953

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives truly were saddened by the death of Rabbi Emeritus Jerome W. Grollman on August 9, 2008, at the age of eighty-six; and

Whereas, a leader in the civil rights movement, Jerome Grollman led the largest and oldest Saint Louis congregation, United Hebrew Temple, for more than four decades beginning in 1948 as an Associate Rabbi and then in 1958 as Rabbi; and

Whereas, Rabbi Jerome Grollman was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, who earned a Bachelor's degree in 1942 from the University of Maryland and a Master's degree in Hebrew letters in 1948 from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

Whereas, ordained as a Rabbi in 1948, Rabbi Jerome Grollman married Dolores Moss of Saint Louis in 1979; and

Whereas, the marital union of Rabbi Jerome Grollman and Dolores Moss was richly blessed with the love and affection of children Alan Grollman of Hillsboro, New Jersey; Lisa Grollman of Arlington, Massachusetts; Barbara Moss of Creve Coeur, Missouri; Bette Hess of Clayton, Missouri, Patricia Moss of University City, Missouri; and Jim Moss of Clayton; and

Whereas, Rabbi Jerome Grollman also was blessed to have a brother, Rabbi Earl Grollman of Belmont, Massachusetts, and six wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Rabbi Jerome Grollman served as President of the Saint Louis Rabbinical Association for four terms and was the first President of the Association of Reform Rabbis in Saint Louis; and

Whereas, the high ethical and moral standards embodied by Rabbi Jerome Grollman led him to support the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., criticize the Israeli government when it acted wrongly, and back a homeland state for Palestinians:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to memorialize the life and work of Rabbi Jerome Grollman and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, friends, and neighbors who now miss his considerable strength, warmth, and light in their daily lives; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Rabbi Jerome W. Grollman of Ladue, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Margaret Donnelly
District No. 73

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3953, adopted August 21, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker